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In re the Application of

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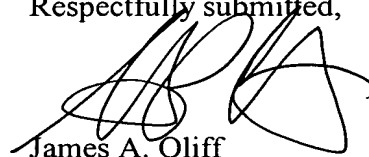
Sir:

Applicants' Representative contacted Examiner Nguyen on June 14, 2004, regarding the status of Applicants' June 2, 2004, filed Amendment After Final Rejection. Because the Amendment placed allowable subject matter into independent form, it was agreed by both parties that the application should be in condition for allowance.

The Patent Office's Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database indicates that a Notice of Allowability was completed June 14 and a Notice of Allowance was completed, but not yet mailed, as of June 15. Because the status of the application is currently listed as "Allowed" as of June 16, no further action by Applicants is believed necessary at this time.

It is Applicants' intention to maintain pendency of this application. Because today is the expiration of the statutory period for response (thrice extended), if for some reason the Notice of Allowance is rescinded or otherwise delayed, the Patent Office should consider this submission as a Notice of Appeal, if necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461

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